to Unstarred Question 1708 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th August, 1987 regarding filling up of vacant posts of Copy Holders and Machine Inkers in the Municipal Press of Municipal Corporation of Delhi and state the latest position in regard to this case and by when the interviews/tests and also selection of the eligible candidates will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Action to fill up the 3 vacant posts of Copy Holders and 6 vacant posts of Machine Inkers, has been initiated. The Directorate of Printing, Government of India, have been requested to arrange the requisite trade test for the purpose at an early date.

Credit Deposit Ratio in Madhya Pradesh

1061. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit-deposit ratio of the commercial banks in Madhya Pradesh is lower than the All-India credit-deposit ratio; and

(b) whether Government propose to take any steps to improve this ratio pertaining to Madhya Pradesh and that of other States whether it is lower than the national average; if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) The credit : deposit ratio of all scheduled commercial banks in Madhya Pradesh as at the end of December 1986 was marginally lower at 68.9 per cent as against all India credit : deposit ratio of 63.0 per cent.

The actual level of credit in relation to locally mobilised deposits in a particular State depends upon the level of economic activity of the state which in turn is influenced by several factors such as availability of infrastructural facilities like transport and power, proximity to sources of raw material, access to market, local entrepreneurship etc. Banks have been advised to take effective steps for increasing credit in credit deficient areas and avoid wide disparities in credit : deposit ratio.

Opening of New Rural Branches of Banks in Madhya Pradesh

1062. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new rural branches of banks that will be opened and that have already been opened in Madhya Pradesh under the rural branch expansion programme of the Reserve Bank for the period from 1985 to 1990;

(b) how many of such branches will be opened by the commercial banks and how many by the regional rural banks; and

(c) whether Government are considering to bring the service conditions and emoluments of the employees of rural banks on a par with that of the employees of commercial banks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that 483 rural and semi-urban centres in Madhya Pradesh have been allotted by it upto 30th September, 1987 under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90; of which 273 centres have been allotted to different commercial banks and 210 centres have been allotted to Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). The banks have been advised by the RBI that branches at the allotted centres should be opened in a phased manner during the remaining period of the current Policy. As per information available with RBI, upto 30th September, 1987, 19 branches have been opened by commercial banks and 68 by RRBs.

(c) No, Sir. However, the Government have decided to set up a national tribunal with a view to determine the pay, allowances and other benefits payable to the employees of Regional Rural Banks set up in various States.

PF Arrears of Industrial Units

1963. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA :
SHRI RAM CHANDRA VIKAL :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what was the quantum of arrears of provident fund contributions of industrial

units during the last five years, State-wise and year-wise and what measures were taken to realise the arrears; and

(b) what action has been taken against the defaulters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The requisite information about the arrears of provident fund contribution in respect of unexempted and exempted establishments is as given in the attached statement-I and statement-II [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 39]. The EPF authorities are generally taking the following action against the defaulters, for realisation of the outstanding dues :—

(i) Issue of Revenue Recovery certificates under section 8 of the EPF Act;

(ii) Filing of prosecution cases against defaulters under section 14 of the EPF Act;

(iii) Filing of complaints under section 406, 409 IPC;

(iv) Levying of damages under section 14B of the EPF Act;

(v) Filing of prosecution cases against exempted establishments under section 14(2A) of the EPF Act.

Foreign Exchange Resources Raised to Meet Import Requirements

1064. SHRI KAPIL VERMA :

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA :

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of foreign exchange resources raised by Government additionally to meet the increased import requirements due to drought during the remaining period of the current financial year; and

(b) what is the break-up of resources to be received from various countries and international institutions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI) : (a) and (b) Offers of assistance have been received from several countries and International Institutions. These offers are still under process. It is therefore, not possible at this stage to estimate precisely the additional foreign exchange resources which would be raised by Govt. during the remaining period of the current financial year.

Filling up of vacancies in the Punjab National Bank

1065. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of posts in the grade of Deputy General Managers and General Managers are lying vacant in the Punjab National Bank, Delhi Circle, for quite sometime now;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps are being taken to fill these vacancies for the smooth functioning of the Bank ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI) : (a) to (c) Four posts of General Managers in Top Executive Grade Scale-VII are reported to be lying vacant in the Punjab National Bank. However, no post of Deputy General Manager is lying vacant in the bank. The Directors' Promotion Committee is likely to meet shortly to consider promotion to Top Executive Grade to fill up the vacancies.

Mistakes in Five Hundred Rupee Currency Notes

1066. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Reserve Bank of India has recently issued currency notes in the denomination of Rs. 500/-;